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SUMMER SUN SINGING

".....Of a higher musical standard was an earlier performance in the Drehscheibe. The Bochum Philharmonic Chorus had selected this shopping centre, bustling as ever on a Saturday, for a very special concert. Here in the domed building they sang folk songs, rounds and madrigals under their conductor Harry Curtis. The escalators hummed, the weekend shoppers heaved their plastic bags, prams wove their way through the crowd and people shouted into their mobile phones, but slowly and surely the magic of the human voice took over in this acoustically excellent building. By the end the singers reinforced by their partner choir from Sheffield had arrived right at the top of the building under the see through round roof where 15th century madrigals resounded, casting a spell on the day. In the evening this choir was then to sing "Va pensiero" from Verdi's "Nabucco" in the packed Schalke Arena. What a day!"

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